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MEDIA

Coverage on last week's Environmental Education Awards:

- **Energy Live News:** [US invests \\$63k on climate change education](#)
- **Beverly Press:** [EPA partners with LAUSD to teach students about water sustainability](#)
- **Water World:** [EPA awards \\$50K grant to L.A. school district to educate students on water conservation](#)

Arizona Daily Sun: Reporter Emery Cowan is working on an article about ozone levels in the Flagstaff area. He wants to do an interview with someone who could explain the extent to which high ozone levels in a place like California could have an impact on ozone levels in Flagstaff and talk about whether or not Flagstaff will be out of compliance with the new 70 ppb ozone standards. Deadline is Thursday at 5 p.m. Coordinating with program for next steps. OPEN. AIR. (v.) Soledad Calvino/Margot Perez-Sullivan

Pacific Coast Business Times: Reporter Alex Kacik was looking to see what the status on the Freeport application to reinject wastewater into the aquifer near the Arroyo Grande oil field. Referred reporter to the state who is working on the application. WATER. CLOSED. (v). Nahal Mogharabi.

Ventura County Reporter: reporter Kit Stolz working on an anniversary story about an explosion, fire, and toxic gas release that occurred November 18, 2014 in Santa Paula at the

Santa Clara Waste Water plant. Reporter had some follow up questions. Sent info. \$FUND. CLOSED. Nahal Mogharabi.

Seoul Broadcasting System: reporter Mia Lee would like to speak to someone regarding TSCA laws and implementation. She is working on a story about home humidifier disinfectants and some recent issues with toxicity in S. Korea. Reporter questions were very focused on TSCA implementation from a national perspective. Forwarded reporter to HQ. CLOSED. Nahal Mogharabi/Cathy Milbourn.

Guam Daily Post – Reporter Jasmine Stole has questions on a stormwater outlet to relieve flooding from the Tumon Bay area and was told that USEPA and GEPA approved the project. Checking in with John McCarroll/Michael Mann on what they may know about the project and if they can answer some of her background questions. OPEN, Dean Higuchi

WEB

Social Media:

Clean Power Plan – Posted to our [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) pages about the Clean Power Plan and linked to the EPA Connect blog, [The Role of Biomass in Achieving Clean Power Plan Goals](#).

Web Updates:

Tribal RTOC – Posted multiple updates to the [Tribal](#) RTOC website, including adding the winter RTOC meeting announcement, presentations from the fall meeting and updates to the RTOC contacts.

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Construction Forecast – Posted the latest information on [upcoming construction from Nov. 16-27](#).

CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

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Rep. Xavier Becerra (D-CA-34): OCIR's Carolyn Levine forwarded on an inquiry from Irvin DeLaO and Johanna Montiel in Congressman Becerra's office regarding the Exide facility in Vernon, CA. Irvin DeLaO noted in his message to OCIR that Congressman Xavier Becerra had a call with Administrator McCarthy on October 28, 2015. During that conversation, the Congressman mentioned his interest in having the EPA take a look at the Exide facility in Vernon, California to see if it was possible to do an assessment report and/or see what other assistance the EPA may be able to help. Brent Maier reached out to our Superfund, Land and Enforcement Division managers/staff and has confirmed a call with Congressman Becerra's staff and EPA Region IX for Wednesday, November 18th at 1:00pm PT (4:00pm ET).

Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-AZ-3): A letter dated November 6, 2015 sent by Congressman Grijalva in his role as Ranking Member of the House Natural Resources Committee to EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy and Deputy Assistant Administrator Kopocis requesting water quality testing in the San Pedro River, following the Buenavista del Cobre mine breach in Mexico August 2014 was controlled to Region IX for development of a draft response for signature by Regional Administrator. Brent Maier controlled the letter to Hector Aguirre and Doug Eberhardt in our Water Division. The letter has a due date of November 30, 2015. A copy of the incoming letter is available upon request.

Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick (D-AZ-1): At the request of OCIR's Carolyn Levine, Superfund's Sona Chiligarayan and her colleagues prepared some draft language for a HQ-lead response to Congresswoman Kirkpatrick regarding the Gold King Mine that was shared with OCIR who will finalize the letter for signature by OSWER Assistant Administrator Mathy Stanislaus.

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Recent Congressional Action:

On November 10th, the Senate passed (93-0) **H.R. 2029, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016**, the first of twelve FY16 funding bills to be considered in the Senate. Both chambers need to pass all 12 FY16 funding bills before the current continuing resolution expires on December 11th or Congress will need to pass another continuing resolution or a full year omnibus bill to avoid a government shutdown.

On November 10th, the Senate appointed conferees to the conference committee to reconcile the House and Senate passed versions of **H.R. 22, the Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy Act (DRIVE Act)**. The conference committee needs to produce a final bill, which both chambers need to approve before the current highway authorization runs out on November 20th.

Hearings and Markups the Week of November 16 - 20, 2015: Please note that most hearings are available as a streaming broadcast on the committee's website. However, if you have trouble seeing video on the Committee website, please try using Thomas.gov's website and hearing links available at: <http://thomas.loc.gov/video/house-committee>

Tuesday November 17, 2015: House Energy and Commerce Committee: Will begin markup on various bills starting at 4:00 pm ET Tuesday, and will reconvene on Wednesday, November 18, at 10:00 am ET. This markup will include, S. 611, the "Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems Assistance Act." The bill is available here: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-114s611rfh/pdf/BILLS-114s611rfh.pdf> Additional information is available here: <http://energycommerce.house.gov/markup/markup-hr-2017-hr-2446-hr-2646-hr-3014-hr-3537-hr-3716-and-hr-3821>

Wednesday November 18, 2015: Senate Environment and Public Works Committee: Will hold a hearing at 9:30 am ET, "[Examining the International Climate Negotiations.](#)" Witnesses: Oren Cass, senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research Inc.; Stephen Eule, vice president of climate and technology at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for 21st Century Energy; Lisa Jacobson, president of the Business Council for Sustainable Energy; Julian Ku, professor of constitutional law at Hofstra University; and David Waskow, director of the International Climate Initiative at the World Resources Institute. Additional hearing information is available here: <http://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=0BFAE2BB-416F-40A1-9698-5BED0FE72BDC>

Wednesday November 18, 2015: House Science, Space and Technology Committee: Will hold a hearing at 10:00 am ET, entitled: "The Administration's Empty Promises for the International Climate Treaty." Witnesses: Anne Smith, senior vice president at National Economic Research Associates Economic Consulting; Bill Magness, general counsel and senior vice president of governance, risk and compliance at the Electric Reliability Council of Texas; Katie Dykes, deputy commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and chairwoman of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Inc.; and Paul Knappenberger, assistant director of the Center for the Study of Science at the Cato Institute. Additional information is available here: <https://science.house.gov/legislation/hearings/full-committee-hearing-administration-s-empty-promises-international-climate>

Intergovernmental Meetings This Week:

Wednesday, November 18, 2015 - EPA to Meet with Santa Clara Valley Water District: On

Wednesday, November 18th, EPA will meet with representatives of the Santa Clara Valley Water District for continuing dialogue on the State of California's drought conditions; permit streamlining, and ongoing water projects. District officials met last with headquarters in April of this year. A major priority for the District is increasing the supply of water through ambitious water recycling plans. The Water District has partnered with EPA in the Water Sense program and have run a labeling program for certifying irrigation professionals. Recycled water has been used successfully in Santa Clara County for decades. The District's ambitious plans include doubling by 2025 the 5 percent of the county's total water demands being met currently by recycled water. Attending from the District will be the following: Board Chair Gary Kremen; Director Barbara Keegan; Norma Camacho, Chief Operating Officer, Watersheds; Melanie Richardson, Deputy Operations Officer for the Watershed Design and Construction Division; Jerry DeLa Piedra, Manager of the Water Supply Planning & Conservation Unit; Rick Callender, Deputy Administrative Officer, Government Relations. OCIR Contact: Arnita Hannon

Friday, November 20, 2015 – Meeting for Governors' Staff and EPA Officials: On Friday, November 20, EPA will host Governors' office staff for an opportunity to meet and discuss a range of issues that EPA and the states work on together. Administrator McCarthy will kick off the meeting and discuss the Montreal Protocol and COP21. AA Janet McCabe, OAR, will lead a discussion on the Clean Power Plan, ozone, and recent air actions related to oil and natural gas. AA Cynthia Giles, OECA, will discuss EJ2020, NextGen compliance, and NPDES e-reporting. Acting AA Joel Beauvais, OW, will brief the group on the Clean Water Rule, the water finance center, and water quality trading. AA Jim Jones, OCSPP, will give an overview of the Worker Protection Standards and Safer Choice. Finally, AA Laura Vaught, OP, and Matt Dalbey, Director, Office of Sustainable Communities, will lead a discussion on the Administrator's priority of Making a Visible Difference in Communities. OCIR Contact: Becky Cook-Shyovitz